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SOUTHERN AIR COMMAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Southern Command of the Air Force has not yet been transformed in accordance with its strategic importance for the Southern part of the country;

(b) if so, whether only three units have been established till October, 1999 against a target of nine units during the period from 1984 to 1995 in the Southern Command;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether any responsibility and the time limit fixed in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): The operational need for deployment of Air Force assets in other important sectors has put development of Southern Air Command (SAC) in a deferred state of priority. It is being developed in stages.